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## **Medicaid Expansion Resolution**

**Whereas**, pursuant to PA 368 of 1978, Section 333.2433, “A local health department shall continually and diligently endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote the public health through organized programs...prevention and control of health problems of particularly vulnerable population groups...”

**Whereas**, on August 13, 2012, at the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, the following resolution was adopted:

**Whereas**, under the provisions of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, a State can expand its Medicaid program to cover individuals and families earning up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Line. It is estimated that an additional 500,000 citizens of Michigan will be covered under such expansion.

**Whereas**, under current law, citizens of Michigan will be mandated to either purchase healthcare insurance or pay a tax regardless of State participation in the expansion of the Medicaid Program. Further, any Federal money available for this expansion in Michigan would otherwise be forfeited to the benefit of citizens of other states; and

**Whereas**, opting out of the Medicaid Program expansion will continue to place an economic burden on hospitals and other health care providers who will not be reimbursed for services they may provide; and

**Whereas**, by reducing the number of uninsured, state and local costs for uncompensated care for the uninsured will decline;

**Therefore be it resolved**, that in order to protect the health of all its citizens, especially those most in need, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health Board of Directors strongly urges the State of Michigan to participate in the expansion of the Medicaid Program under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Approved by the Board of Directors October 2, 2012.